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1st Semi-Final DOCKERTY CUP

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BOX HILL

SUNSHINE UNITED

at Olympic Park

Kick-Off — 3 p.m.

Curtain Raiser

1st Semi-Final RESERVE CUP



SANDRINGHAM CITY

versus

SOUTH YARRA

Kick-Off — 1.15 p.m.

EDITORIAL

Today sees the meeting of the first two semi-finalists, Box Hill and Sunshine United. The latter team having cleaned up the League by a colossal margin is now out to complete the double and take back the Cup to the wilds of Sunshine. It has been said on several occasions this season that Sunshine's success is hard to understand as they appear to have few "stars." Close observation will show that although this may be so every man in the side is a footballer with no pretensions to stardom. They play as a side—the secret of success in any team.

Box Hill play an entirely different style of football; in fact, they may be said to be the only team in Victoria to play football on the New South Wales plan. Quick on the ball, hard tackling and hard shooting, Box Hill play the game with no "beg pardons" and finish the day as fresh as when they started, as witness the last game against Hakoah.

It will be noted that the two finalists the last three years have at last been eliminated before reaching the semis. So at last a fine run has been stopped and two fine teams, South Yarra and Park Rangers, have had to give way to newcomers. Last week we welcomed back to Australia Tommy Jack and Jacky Wilson who have been to South Africa with the Australian touring team. Both looked extremely well and had a most enjoyable trip. We are glad to see them back in Victoria.

We will not close this screed without passing on the congratulations of this Association to Councillor Harry Armstrong, who has just been elevated to the mayoralty of Williamstown. Councillor Armstrong was for many years secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. until his retirement two years ago. He did much sterling hard work for soccer and although owing to his duties we do not see as much of him at Olympic Park as we could wish, the results of his work in keeping soccer going through the war are apparent to all of us. Congratulations, Harry.



"SOCCER NEWS" SOUVENIR NUMBER

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VICTORIAN INTERNATIONALS

"Soccer News" offers its congratulations to the two Victorians who have been chosen to represent Australia in the end-of-season tour to New Caledonia.

Angus Drennan, of Sunshine, needs no introduction as he has represented Australia in New Zealand and against Yugoslavia last year at the M.C.G. He has also represented Victoria against Yugoslavia and South Australia. Best of luck, Angus. Eric Heath, of Moreland, is a newcomer to Australia last January from Middlesbrough, England, and probably counts himself fortunate to get a trip so soon after his arrival. His ability and consistency in League and Cup games this season, however, have more than justified his selection. We wish him a successful trip and plenty of games. Good luck, Eric.



LOCAL INTERNATIONAL GAMES

The sensational defeat of the Great Britain team by the Yugoslavs at Olympic Park last Sunday is even more remarkable when it is realised that the Great Britain forward line was almost the State attack—every man being either a member or a reserve for the team which so heavily defeated South Australia. The Yugoslav team (composed entirely of Third Division players) held the Britishers throughout the game so that they seldom looked dangerous. Just another headache for the State selectors.

Comparatively, the Australian versus Italy game was slow, but the Australians fully deserved their victory. The fine keeping of Italian keeper prevented the score from being higher.

Attendance figures were high and will help to swell the funds of the Junior Association.

NEXT WEEK!

2nd SEMI-FINAL DOCKERTY CUP

Moreland v. Footscray City

Kick-off 3 p.m.



CURTAIN RAISER

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE MATCH

BOX HILL v. HAKOAH

Kick-off 1.15 p.m.

AT

OLYMPIC PARK

NEWS ITEMS

It is now common knowledge that the Referees' Association has formed a Soccer team. From the viewpoint of players of other teams this is a splendid idea and it is understood that many clubs are anxious to play the Refs. but unfortunately they stipulate friendly matches only.

Rumor has it that new teams are anxious to join the Association. Among them are a Ukranian team, a Polish team, Victorian Railways team and a new team from Geelong.

Followers of the game who attend Olympic Park are appreciative of the refreshment facilities offered this season and also welcome the opportunity of buying chocolates, etc., during the match.

Spectators will now receive full value for their money. Curtain raisers are now played at Olympic Park every week.

Smoke Nights are being arranged by the go-ahead clubs and the grand climax will be the annual ball in the St. Kilda Town Hall in November. All soccer-minded people should make this a not-to-be-missed night.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

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TODAY'S TEAMS

SUNSHINE UNITED

- (1) Roberts
 (2) Clayton (3) Harraden
 (4) Taylor (5) Bird (Les.) (6) Drennan (Capt.)
 (7) Kyle (8) Evans (9) Hunter (10) Lowe (11) Bird (Lin.)

- (11) McFeeters (Capt.) (10) Davis (9) McDonald (8) Nicholson, J. (7) Neil
 (6) Tester (5) Brown (4) Murfoot
 (3) Holborn (2) Hutchinson
 (1) Goddard

BOX HILL

Reserves.—Sunshine United: Campbell, Doherty. Box Hill: Overall, B. Nicholson.

The teams are subject to last-minute alterations.



SOCCER BROADCASTS

Soccer enthusiasts will join "Soccer News" in congratulating well-known referee Teddy Low on his initiative in organising the Soccer broadcasts during this season. Teddy has been broadcasting practically every Friday evening on 3UZ or 3DB. His efforts have done much to bring soccer to the notice of the Victorians and to stir up interest in the Dockerty Cup and Sunday international competitions. Good work, Teddy.—(Editor.)



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JUNIOR SECTION

INDOOR NIGHT SOCCER

South Melbourne United has for the past three weeks been sending teams (6 a side) to the Exhibition Youth Centre of a Thursday night and playing indoor soccer. From this, the interest of the E.Y.C. boys are developed, until last Sunday the Exhibition boys sent a full team of eleven players down to Middle Park. Although soundly beaten, these boys, who mostly live around Carlton, were not disgraced, and if they enter a team in the competitions for season 1951 they should give a good account of themselves.

From this has sprung the possibilities of commencing a summer indoor soccer (6 a side) competition, and it is possible that the basket-ball court of the Exhibition Youth Centre could be obtained of a Friday night for this purpose.

SCHOOLBOY PASSES

The Victorian Junior Association is indeed pleased at the action of the Council in providing all schoolboy soccer players with free passes to Olympic Park. It is indeed a step in the right direction, and one that will undoubtedly be commended by all soccer enthusiasts in Victoria.

INTER-ASSOCIATION CUP GAMES

Some time in September, probably September 17 or 21, a Melbourne Under 14 team and a Melbourne Under 16 team will visit Yallourn to play Central Gippsland Association in Inter-Association Cup Contests. The exact date of these games will not be known until word has been received from Gippsland.

NOTE

The following players have been chosen to represent Australia in the final game of the Sand International games against Yugoslavia at Olympic Park on Sunday, September 17:—

		Roberts (Sunshine)			
		Goode (Brighton)		Harraden (Sunshine)	
Tait (Prahran)		Bird (Les.) (Sunshine)		Scott (Brighton)	
James (Sth. Melb.)	Thomas (Brighton)	McKenzie (Brighton)	Wilson (Park Rangers)	Sharman (Sth. Yarra)	

Reserves: Deacon, Gravell, Petterson, Lowe and Watson.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Sir.—I would like to make a few comments on the articles in the Press on the National Soccer Clubs.

I hope that the Victorian Soccer Council is not stampeded to take the drastic action of eliminating these clubs as advocated by that paper. My reasons for this are:—

1. The National Clubs have given an extra keenness to Soccer that has been absent since the old England v. Scotland contests.
2. The supporters of these clubs are among the most enthusiastic soccer fans.
3. The correct way to eliminate any incidents such as occurred last Saturday in the game J.U.S.T. v. Hakoah, is to exercise efficient control; elimination could easily cause a split in the game.
4. Any suggestions coming from the Press should be viewed with caution, as the "Soccer" code certainly owes them nothing for the progress which it is making.

Yours, etc.,

August 31, 1950.

H. V. ROSE.

[Views expressed in the articles referred to are the views of the papers concerned and not necessarily those of the Council of the V.A.S.F.A. The lamentable incident referred to has since been dealt with and the Council was not stampeded, Mr. Rose.—Editor.]

Save our Native Fauna No. 5

Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Aus-

tralian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.



LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 19, 1950

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine United	18	15	0	3	47	23	30
Sandringham City	18	8	5	5	38	37	21
Box Hill	16	8	3	5	50	31	19
Brighton	18	8	3	6	45	33	19
South Yarra	18	6	6	6	35	37	18
Prahran	18	8	2	8	37	39	18
Footscray City	18	7	3	8	27	37	17
Park Rangers	18	7	1	10	27	30	15
Hakoah	17	6	2	9	36	49	14
Moreland	17	1	3	13	20	46	5

FIXTURES TO BE PLAYED

Box Hill v. Hakoah.
Moreland v. Box Hill.

Second Division

Western Suburbs	18	15	0	3	59	27	30
Yallourn	18	14	1	3	83	34	29
South Melbourne	18	13	0	5	67	41	26
Preston	18	12	1	5	53	26	25
Juventus	18	7	4	7	35	30	18
George Cross	18	8	0	10	20	21	16
Melb. University	18	7	1	10	46	52	15
Ringwood	18	5	0	13	42	58	10
Yarraville	18	4	1	13	19	71	9
Heidelberg	18	1	0	17	20	84	2

(League fixtures completed.)

Third Division (North)

Fifers	18	14	3	1	83	23	31
White Eagles	18	13	4	1	71	20	30
Coburg	18	9	4	5	47	31	22
Williamstown	18	9	2	7	36	41	20
Geelong Celtic	16	8	3	5	43	32	19
Inter. Harvesters	17	7	4	6	38	32	18
Melbourne Rangers	17	7	0	10	32	42	14
Woodlands	18	5	3	10	45	73	13
Royal Caledonians	17	2	0	15	40	64	4
South Yarra	15	0	1	14	14	85	1

(League fixtures completed.)

Third Division (South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	16	14	2	0	77	9	30
F.N.D.	15	12	1	2	74	19	25
Moorabbin City	16	9	2	5	53	29	20
Vic. Police	15	10	0	5	46	27	20
Olympic	16	9	0	7	52	38	18
Park Rangers	16	5	0	11	37	60	10
Box Hill	15	3	0	12	21	71	6
Bentleigh	15	2	0	13	25	82	4

(League Fixtures Completed.)

First Division Reserves

Park Rangers	18	15	2	1	67	21	32
Sandringham City	18	10	4	4	42	27	24
Brighton	18	10	2	6	55	37	22
South Yarra	18	10	2	6	46	32	22
Prahran	18	8	3	7	36	32	19
Sunshine United	18	5	6	7	47	43	16
Hakoah	18	6	4	8	36	44	15
Box Hill	18	7	1	10	40	54	15
Moreland	18	6	1	11	41	55	13
Footscray City	18	0	1	17	18	81	1

(League Fixtures Completed.)

Second Division Reserves

Yallourn	18	16	1	1	88	10	33
South Melbourne	18	13	2	3	53	13	28
Preston	18	12	1	5	58	31	25
Juventus	18	12	1	5	65	35	25
Melb. University	18	11	0	7	65	45	22
Western Suburbs	18	11	0	7	59	43	22
Heidelberg	18	5	1	12	17	86	11
George Cross	18	4	0	14	14	27	8
Ringwood	18	2	0	16	4	65	4
Yarraville	18	1	0	17	6	74	2

(League fixtures completed.)

Third Division Reserves

Coburg	10	7	1	2	26	12	15
Williamstown	9	7	0	2	28	21	14
Olympic	11	5	1	5	38	17	11
Woodlands	8	4	0	4	27	23	8
Fifers	9	3	0	6	8	38	6
Moorabbin City	8	0	0	8	2	30	0

(League fixtures completed.)

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 26, 1950

Under 19 "A" Section

Sunshine United	14	12	1	1	44	11	25
South Yarra	13	12	0	1	44	10	24
Box Hill	14	8	1	5	37	25	17
Brighton	13	7	0	6	39	21	14
Army Apprentices	12	5	1	6	23	43	11
Sandringham City	14	4	2	8	15	37	10
Park Rangers	14	2	0	12	15	63	4
Hakoah	14	1	1	12	6	13	3

Under 19 "B" Section

Yallourn	14	13	1	0	51	6	27
Preston	14	9	2	3	50	15	20
Juventus	14	7	2	5	41	24	16
Coburg	14	8	0	6	29	27	16
South Melbourne	14	7	0	7	36	20	14
Metters	14	4	2	8	27	42	10
Moorabbin	14	3	1	10	23	48	7
Northcote	14	1	0	13	11	86	2

Under 16 Division

Northcote	18	15	2	1	49	7	32
Brighton	18	12	3	3	38	17	27

Sandringham	18	13	1	4	39	24	27
Box Hill	18	9	3	6	35	16	21
South Melbourne	18	7	3	8	32	35	17
Park Rangers	17	8	0	9	23	23	16
Preston	18	6	3	9	24	28	15
Ringwood	17	5	1	11	25	39	11
South Yarra	18	3	1	14	14	52	7
Sunshine	18	2	1	15	6	44	5

Under 14 Division

Park Rangers	18	13	2	3	86	13	28
South Melb. "A"	18	12	2	4	80	17	26
Box Hill	17	11	1	5	48	25	23
Sunshine	18	14	2	2	72	14	22
Sandringham City	18	7	5	6	35	37	19
Western Suburbs	17	12	1	4	44	22	17
Preston	18	6	2	10	37	55	14
S. Melb. United "B"	18	4	2	12	13	42	10
Bentleigh	18	4	1	13	32	58	9
Brighton	18	3	2	13	20	56	8
Coburg	18	11	0	7	42	31	2
Highbett	18	0	0	18	7	146	0